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 CHAMBER AND A METHOD OF )  
 THERMALLY PROCESSING )  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute the following new claims 24-45 for the claims previously submitted with this application:

24. (New) A thermal processing chamber for processing individual product items, said processing chamber comprising:

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